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## BANYAN GOLD ANNOUNCES CLOSING \$16 M PRIVATE PLACEMENT FINANCING

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VANCOUVER, B.C., August 12, 2021 – **Banyan Gold Corp.** (the "**Company**" or "**Banyan**") (**TSX-V: BYN**) is pleased to announce, subject to TSX-V approval, it is closing the second and final tranche of the \$16 million private placement (the "**Private Placement**") previously announced on July 19, 2021.

With the closing of the private placement, the Company would like to welcome the Franklin Gold and Precious Metals Fund as a 7.1% holder in the Company and the continued support of Osisko Development Corp. and Victoria Gold Corp., the latter becoming an insider with an 11.1% interest.

"With the completion of this financing, Banyan is poised and fully funded to continue its considerable momentum on building out the AurMac resource into 2022" stated Tara Christie, President and CEO. "We are pleased to have added Franklin Gold and Precious Metals Fund to our shareholder base in the process and the continued support of our corporate partners Osisko Development, Alexco Resources, and Victoria Gold."

The Company intends to use the net proceeds from the Private Placement to advance its mineral exploration and development projects and for general corporate purposes. The 2021-22 Exploration Programs at AurMac are intended to include additional diamond drilling, geotechnical drilling, metallurgical test work, resource update, environmental baseline data collection and the commencement of a Preliminary Economic Assessment ("**PEA**") Study.

The total financing consists of 30,357,144 Charity Flow Through Shares priced at \$0.38, 6,326,530 Regular Flow Through Shares priced at \$0.35 and 8,035,715 regular shares priced at \$0.28.

The flow through gross proceeds component received from the sale to subscribers of the Charity Flow Through Shares and Flow Through Shares will be used to incur "Canadian exploration expenses" as defined in subsection 66.1(6) of the *Income Tax Act* (Canada) (the "**Tax Act**") on the Company's properties in the Yukon Territory, and renounced to such subscribers effective not later than December 31, 2021. Such Canadian exploration expenses will also qualify as "flow-through mining expenditures" as defined in subsection 127(9) of the Tax Act.

Finder's and advisory fees of \$420,000 will be paid, subject to all necessary regulatory approvals. The shares issued will be subject to the customary 4 months plus a day hold period.

In addition to Victoria Gold becoming an insider with the purchase of 16,071,429 shares for \$3 M, certain existing insiders of the Company participated for 1,426,387 in Flow Through Shares or \$499,000. Such participation represents a related party transaction under Multilateral Instrument 61-101 – Protection of Minority Security Holders in Special Transactions ("MI 61-101"), but the

transaction is exempt from the formal valuation and minority shareholder approval requirements of NI 61-101 as neither the fair market value of the subject matter of the transaction, nor the consideration paid for, the transaction, insofar as it involves interested parties, exceed 25% of the Company's market capitalization.

### **Qualified Person**

Paul D. Gray, P.Geo., Vice President of Exploration for the Company, is a "qualified person" as defined under NI 43-101 and has reviewed and approved the content of this news release.

### **Upcoming Catalysts**

- Money Metals Summit 2021, August 19-20, 2021
- Webinar "Ramping Up to Rapidly Advance AurMac", Moderated by Robert Sinn (Goldfinger), August 30, 2021, 1:00 pm Pacific Time
- Invest Yukon Exploration Investment Summit, September 2, 2021, 10:00 am Pacific Time
- Precious Metals Beaver Creek - Presentation, September 10, 2021, 4:30 pm Mountain Time

### **COVID-19 Update**

Banyan Gold continues to take proactive measures to protect the health and safety of our Yukon communities, our contractors and our employees from COVID 19 and exploration activities in 2021 will have additional safety measures in place, following and exceeding all the recommendations of Yukon's Chief Medical Officer. Over 90% of Banyan Gold employees and contractors on-site are fully vaccinated.

### **About Banyan**

Banyan's primary asset AurMac is adjacent to Victoria Gold's Eagle Gold Mine, in Canada's Yukon Territory, which announced commercial production on July 1, 2020. The AurMac initial resource of 903,945 oz Au (see Table 1 below) was announced in May 2020. Our major strategic shareholders include Alexco Resource Corp., Franklin Gold and Precious Metals Fund, Osisko Development Corp., and Victoria Gold Corp. Banyan is focused on gold exploration projects that have the geological potential, size of land package and proximity to infrastructure that is advantageous for a mineral project to have potential to become a mine. Our Yukon based projects both fit this model and our objective is to gain shareholder value by advancing projects in our pipeline.

The 173 sq km AurMac Property lies 30 km from Victoria Gold's Eagle Project and adjacent to Alexco's Keno Hill Silver District and is highly prospective for structurally controlled, intrusion related gold-silver mineralization. The property is located adjacent to the main Yukon highway and just off the main access road to the Victoria Gold open-pit, heap leach Eagle Gold mine. The AurMac Property benefits from a 3-phase powerline, existing Yukon Energy Corp. switching power station and cell phone coverage. Banyan has optioned the properties from Victoria Gold and Alexco respectively with a right to earn up to a 100% subject to royalties.

The 2020 Initial Mineral Resource Estimate prepared in accordance with National Instrument 43-101 ("NI 43-101") guidelines for the AurMac Property is **903,945** ounces of gold. It is a near surface, road accessible pit constrained Mineral Resource contained in two near/on-surface deposits: The Airstrip and Powerline deposits. The Mineral Resource is summarized in Table 1 below.

Table 1: Pit-Constrained Inferred Mineral Resources at a 0.2 g/t Au Cut-Off – AurMac Property

Deposit	Classification	Tonnage Tonnes	Average Au Grade g/t	Au Content oz
Airstrip	Inferred	45,997,911	0.524	774,926
Powerline	Inferred	6,578,609	0.610	129,019
<b>Total Combined</b>	<b>Inferred</b>	<b>52,576,520</b>	<b>0.535</b>	<b>903,945</b>

Notes:

1. The effective date for the Mineral Resource is May 25, 2020.
2. Mineral Resources which are not Mineral Reserves do not have demonstrated economic viability. The estimate of Mineral Resources may be materially affected by environmental, permitting, legal, title, taxation, sociopolitical, marketing, changes in global gold markets or other relevant issues.
3. The CIM definitions were followed for classification of Mineral Resources. The quantity and grade of reported inferred Mineral Resources in this estimation are uncertain in nature and there has been insufficient exploration to define these inferred Mineral Resources as an indicated Mineral Resource and it is uncertain if further exploration will result in upgrading them to an indicated or measured Mineral Resource category.
4. Mineral Resources are reported at a cut-off grade of 0.2 g/t Au, using a US\$/CAN\$ exchange rate of 0.75 and constrained within an open pit shell optimized with the Lerchs-Grossman algorithm to constrain the Mineral Resources with the following estimated parameters: gold price of US\$1,500/ounce, US\$1.50/t mining cost, US\$2.00/t processing cost, US\$2.50/t G+A, 80% heap leach recoveries, and 45° pit slope.
5. Mineral Resource Estimate prepared in accordance with 43-101 guidelines by Marc Jutras, P.Eng., M.A.Sc., Principal, Ginto Consulting Inc, with technical report filed July 7, 2020.

The Hyland Gold Project, located 70 km Northeast of Watson Lake, Yukon, along the Southeast end of the Tintina Gold Belt is a sediment hosted, structurally controlled, intrusion related gold deposit, with a large land package (over 125 sq km), with the resource contained in the Main Zone area (900 m x 600 m) daylighting at surface and numerous other known surface gold targets. The Main Zone oxide zone is amenable to heap leach open pit mining, with column leach recoveries of 86%. The project has an existing gravel access road.

Table 2 shows the Hyland Main Zone Indicated Gold Resource Estimate, prepared in accordance with NI 43-101, at a 0.3 g/t gold equivalent cutoff, contains 8.6 million tonnes grading 0.85 g/t AuEq for **236,000 AuEq ounces** with an Inferred Mineral Resource of 10.8 million tonnes grading 0.83 g/t AuEq for **288,000 AuEq ounces**. NI 43-101 prepared by Robert Carne, Allan Armitage and Paul Gray on May 1, 2018.

Table 2: Hyland Main Zone Indicated Gold Resource Estimate

Cut-off Grade (AuEq g/t)	In situ Tonnes	Au		Ag		AuEq	
		Grade (g/t)	Ozs	Grade (g/t)	Ozs	Grade (g/t)	Ozs
<b>Indicated</b>							
<b>0.3</b>	8,637,000	0.78	216,000	7.04	1,954,000	0.85	236,000
<b>Inferred</b>							
<b>0.3</b>	10,784,000	0.77	266,000	5.32	1,845,000	0.83	288,000

Notes:

1. Mineral resources which are not mineral reserves do not have demonstrated economic viability.
2. All figures are rounded to reflect the relative accuracy of the estimate.

3. Mineral resources are reported at a cut-off grade of 0.3 g/t AuEq. AuEq grade is based on \$1,350.00/oz Au, \$17.00/oz Ag and assumes a 100% recovery. The AuEq calculation does not apply any adjustment factors for difference in metallurgical recoveries of gold and silver. This information can only be derived from definitive metallurgical testing which has yet to be completed.

Banyan trades on the TSX-Venture Exchange under the symbol "BYN". For more information, please visit the corporate website at [www.BanyanGold.com](http://www.BanyanGold.com) or contact the Company.

## ON BEHALF OF BANYAN GOLD CORPORATION

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